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For: GAME MACHINE, GAME PROCESSING METHOD AND INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

6. (New) A game machine for providing each of a first player and a second player with a game allowing a player to enjoy operation of the game using a controller according to game music, comprising:

an acquisition unit operative to acquire game operation timing at which each of the first

player and the second player operates the game;

a data memory operative to memorize timing data that defines game operation timing at

which each of the first player and the second player is required to operate the game;